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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION (Includes PCT)

Attorney Docket  
No.  
APV31920

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

PLATE FOR HOUSING AND/OR LIDS FOR BUTTON CELLS AND PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING  
SUCH A PLATE.

the specification of which (check one)

[ ] is attached hereto.

[ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was  
amended on n/a. (if applicable)

[X] which entered the US National Stage on February 10, 2006 as US  
Application No. 10/567,827 which is the US National Stage of PCT International  
Application No. PCT/EP2004/007700 having an International filing date of July  
9, 2004.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above  
identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment  
referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to  
patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part  
applications, material information which became available between the filing  
date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing  
date of the continuation-in-part application.

I do not know and do not believe the claimed invention was ever known or used  
in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or  
patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or  
our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that  
the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more  
than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been  
patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the  
date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of  
America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns  
more than twelve months prior to this application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code  
§119 and/or §365(a)(b) of any foreign application(s) and United States  
provisional applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and  
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Prior Foreign and U.S. Provisional Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
03077557.1 (Number)	EP (Country)	13/08/2003 Day/Month/Year Filed	[X] Yes	[ ] No
			[ ] Yes	[ ] No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 and/or §365(c) of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112:

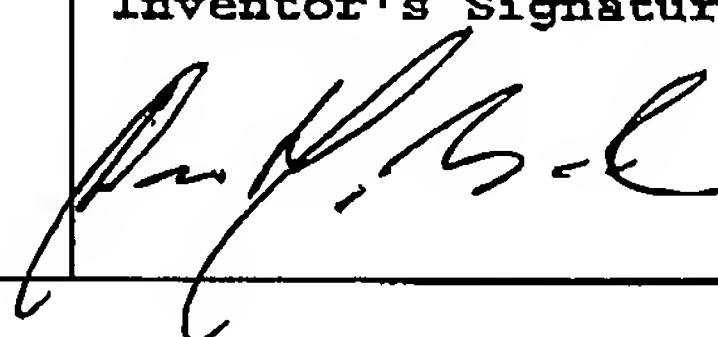
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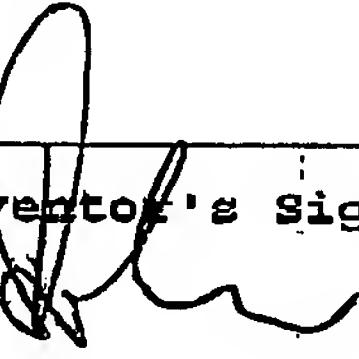
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